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AMENDMENT

Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action of 02/14/2006, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

Amendments to the Title begin on page 2 of this paper.

Amendments to the Specification begin on page 3 of this paper.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 4 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 19 of this paper.

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Amendments to the Title:

Please replace the title of the invention with the following amended title:

Modular Surgical Instrument with Reciprocable Implement